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The use of the Chalice in Magick is as a feminine symbol. It holds the juice, □
wine, spring water or ale. IT is usually purchased but I have seen some □
hand-made ones that are gorgeous. Pewter, Silver, silver plate, and pottery □
are the most common materials they are made of. I knew a woman with a □
pottery chalice that had various Goddesses from all 5 races of the world □
painted around it, nude, with arms linked together. This was her own work. □
It was NOT a great artist's work, but it reminded one of the primitive □
cave-paintings upon which our Craft revival draws for much of it's history and □
so was very beautiful in it's own right. It was one of the most unique □
chalices I have ever seen.

Another witch I knew, who was ethnically Jewish, used a chalice that had a □
great deal of meaning for her. It was her GRANDMOTHER'S Silver Kiddush cup □
used to greet the SABBATH BRIDE and draw the Shekinah Presence - also female □
according to Jewish tradition - into the home after the lighting of the □
Shabbat candles. As this connected this particular Witch to her lineage and □
to her grandmother's spirit, it was expecially appropriate for her to use it - □
especially since she was an initiate of one of the offshoots of Gardnerian and □
Alexandrian tradition that draws heavily on the Kabbalah; which she emphasized □
more even than other H.Priestesses of those lineages due to her desire to □
remain connected to her background.

In some traditions a drinking horn is used instead of a chalice. It is mostly □
used by those drawing from the Norse or Germanic legends in recreating their □
ritual structure, but really such a horn could be used by anyone. You can □
make your OWN drinking horn far easier than making a chalice. Get a cow's □
horn - usually available from farmers or from your local Tandy Leather store - □
and make a stand for it with heavy copper or silver wire that you wrap around □
it and form into a stand. You can GENTLY engrave (DO NOT USE ACID FOR THIS) □
the horn or you can solder small gems and crystals to the wire stand or □
whatever else strikes you as being appropriate symbolism.

But having a chalice or horn that IS YOU is important in your work, perhaps □
more so than any other article in Wicca which is so Goddess oriented.